

PETITION TO EXTEND THE PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME OPERATIONAL TIMES ON COLNEDEALE ROAD, UXBRIDGE

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
Officer Contact(s)	Steven Austin, Residents Services
Papers with report	Appendices A & B

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting an extension to the days and times that the Parking Management Scheme operates in Colnedale Road, Uxbridge.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.
Financial Cost	There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents', Education and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Uxbridge North

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

1) considers the request to extend the days and hours that the Parking Management Scheme operates in Colnedale Road, Uxbridge.

2) subject to discussion with petitioners, decides if the request for extended operational times should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for informal consultation on a possible area agreed with Ward Councillors

Reasons for recommendations

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and, if appropriate, add their request to the parking schemes programme.

Alternative options considered / risk management

These can be discussed with petitioners.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 27 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading: *"Parking petition - Colnedale Road, Uxbridge, UB8 1PA - To extend parking permit from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday"*. However, the lead petitioner subsequently contacted the Council and requested the following: *"We unfortunately fell a day short with our parking petition in Colnedale Road. Could we please extend our proposed ban to include Saturdays, a very busy and difficult time in our area?"*

2. In a covering letter the lead petitioner states:

"For residents in Colnedale Road on North Uxbridge it is sometimes impossible to find a parking place in the bays here because they are all taken up by outsiders.

"Those might be people who work in Uxbridge and park here to avoid the 11am to 12 noon ban on those who have permits to park in the adjoining Harefield Road (zone 1) but park in Colnedale Road (zone 7) but never get a ticket for this offence!

"Sometimes they, or maybe visitors, are here all day and late into the night, causing mayhem for us who live here, especially old folks like me who pay for permits because we have no off-street parking and often have to carry home heavy shopping in the dark and wet weather from may be an odd spot quite far away. (I myself am sometimes afraid to go out in my car for fear of being unable to get in a bay on my return).

"Us residents fear that this dire situation will be quite severely worsened when the 15 planned apartments are built in Harefield Road, opposite Colnedale Road, in the coming months. Yes, those occupants will have their own parking spaces, but only one per apartment, so they and any visitors they have can only make things worse and more worrying for us in Colnedale Road.

"Would it be possible, please, for our ban to be extended here to operate from 9am to 5pm, just like those on other roads between here and Uxbridge? This would be such a help."

3. The existing Parking Management Scheme was implemented in March 2006 following both an informal and formal consultation with residents. Attached to this report as Appendix B is a plan showing the parking zones in the Uxbridge North area. Colnedale Road is a residential road that links Harefield Road to Uxbridge Common and is just a short walk to local sports facilities and Uxbridge College. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.

4. As the lead petitioner correctly alluded to in their submission, Zone 'U7' is currently operational Monday to Friday 11am - Midday whilst the adjoining parking Zone 'U1' operates Monday to Saturday 9am-5pm and Zone 'U8' operates Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

5. From the petition it would appear, however, that the general situation on the area may have changed and evolved over the last 12 years since the scheme was implemented and, as a result, the pressures on parking have increased and residents, quite reasonably, would like the Council to consider extending the operating times in Colnedale Road.

6. It is, therefore, recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, if considered appropriate, asks officers to add this request to the future parking scheme programme for a further informal consultation. It is suggested that officers liaise with the local Ward Councillors and seek their views on whether nearby roads in Zone 'U7' should also be included in a possible further informal consultation on extending the operating days and times of the Parking Management Scheme.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will be identified from within the parking programme.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners request and available options the Council has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations contained within.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to informally consult residents on possible amendments to the current parking restrictions. Informally consulting residents is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the policy, factual and engineering issues are still at a formative stage.

In considering any informal consultation responses, decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising, including those which do not accord with the officer's recommendations. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account.

If the decision maker recommends officers undertake a statutory consultation, the procedures that should be followed in this case are set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and The

Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489).

If specific advice is required, Legal Services should be instructed.

Corporate Property and Construction

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.